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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Response and Amendment responds to the outstanding Office Action dated July 17, 2000. Please amend the application as follows:

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